

LOVE LETTERS,

Which passed between

His R. H. the D. of C——D,

AND

Mrs. HORTON,

WITHIN

A few Weeks preceding their Marriage.

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LOVE LETTERS.

FRIDAY, 11 o'Clock.

My lovely Madam,

SINCE I had the honour of seeing your sweet face at Colonel Luttrell's on Tuesday evening, I have not experienced one moment's repose. The impression which your charms have made on my fond heart, will, I am certain, be as permanent as it is forcible.—I conjure you to do me the honour of a meeting at Miss ——'s, in Bond-street, on Sunday, at 7 in the evening, when you shall be farther informed of what has passed in the breast of,

Dear Madam,

Your devoted humble servant,

C——D.

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SATURDAY, 1 o'Clock.

May it please your Royal Highness,

I Was at the Countess of ——'s yesterday, when your favour was left at my house, or I should have answered it sooner: I am highly sensible of your Royal Highness's condescension, but the exalted station in which you are plac'd, obliges me to decline the honour of the propos'd interview.

I am, with the utmost respect,

Your Royal Highness's

most obedient servant,

H——N.

My

SATURDAY Evening, 6 o'Clock.

My dear Angel,

I Have not words to express the chagrin occasioned by your letter of this day, since the receipt of which I have sent for and conversed with Colonel L——l. He gives me reason to hope that your heart is not wholly formed of icy materials, and that a time may arrive when you will not be totally indifferent to my addresses.—I once more solicit the honour of seeing you at Miss ——'s in Bond-Street, where I shall not fail to be at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Fail not, I beseech you, to meet

Your truly affectionate

C———D.

C A R D.

SATURDAY Night, 10 o'Clock.

MRS. H——'s most respectful compliments wait the D. of C. and she is very sorry to find that his R---l H-----s still persists in requesting what she cannot possibly grant, consistently with her duty. Mrs. H----n begs that his H-----s would not sollicit her any further on the subject.

SUNDAY, 9 o'Clock.

TO a heart like mine, madam, which throbs with the most anxious expectation, one moment of delay is an age of misery.---What therefore must I not have felt on receipt of your cruel card?---I shall be for ever miserable if I am deprived of the happiness of your acquaintance---Acquaintance did I say?---Alas! madam! my heart is too deeply engaged to understand such a phrase.

phrase. In a word, I love you to distraction, and I must and will see you before another day is ended.---I would not be deficient in point of complaisance.---Your hour and place of meeting shall be mine---but by --- I will see you.

C-----D.

SUNDAY Noon,

S I R,

I Was in hopes that the consideration of the inequality of our condition, would have induced you e'er now to have dropt your suit. Remember sir, that the relationship, in which you stand to the K— ought to be an insurmountable bar, both to your pretensions and my compliance.—The singular honour of being addressed by a Prince of the Blood Royal of E——d; is but too flattering to the vain heart of a weak woman. But, trust me, sir, that woman, weak as she is, knows something, what she owes to the honour of her
sovereign,

sovereign, to the credit of her family, and above all to the memory of a husband on whose urn the funeral tears that she has shed are scarce yet dry. She will add, sir, other reasons which perhaps may strike your R—l H——s still more forcibly than the former. The infamy of Mrs. B—y, and the too cruel fate of poor L—y G——r are yet fresh in the public remembrance. Shall I, sir, consent to be branded with an equal degree of infamy, and to be gibbeted to the public, the scorn of fools and knaves; the pity of the wise and humane. I hope I have said enough, sir, to convince your R—l H——s that I am fully determined to decline the honour of your addresses.

I am S I R,

Your Royal Highness's

most devoted servant,

H——N.

MONDAY

MONDAY, 11 O'CLOCK.

I Am fully convinced, Sir, that our meeting last night was not casual—Your R— H— will pardon me if I say, that the rudeness of your behaviour in that interview, can be equalled by nothing but the baseness of those measures which led to obtain it— From this moment, sir, I bid you adieu for ever.

H——N.

MONDAY Evening.

MY conduct towards you, my dearest life, at our meeting on Sunday night, can only be excus'd by the ardency of my passion. A passion which your cold disdain, like oil thrown upon the fire, causes to burn the more fiercely. How much soever I may have failed in that respect which your virtues claim from all the world, believe me my angel, I am not the less sensible of them. The dread of the displeasure of the K— my brother,
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added to the fear of becoming still farther, an object of public censure, than I already am, have alone prevented my requesting the honour of your hand as D——s of C——d. You are already invested with that title, if the warmest attachment of the fondest heart can give such investiture. As it is, madam, the dictates of prudence must yield to the brilliancy of your charms. You shall be D——s of C——d when you please. My fate is inseparably connected with your's, and I will live with you, or I will exist no longer. Your immediate answer to this honest and sincere proposal, will confer a singular, and I trust, a lasting obligation on

Your truly faithful

C———D.

TUESDAY

C A R D.

TUESDAY Noon.

MR S. H----- acknowledges the favour of the D---- of C-----s letter of yesterday : she is surprized at its contents, and can form no idea how she ought to answer it, till she has taken the opinion of those, whom, by the ties of nature and the laws of gratitude, she is bound to consult on so interesting an occasion.

FRIDAY Evening.

May it please your Royal Highness,

I Had, this day, the happiness to dine with my father, to whom I communicated your R----l H-----s's several letters, together with my answers ; and requested his lordship's advice and instructions how to act, in so momentous a concern. His opinion is clearly that I ought for ever to abandon all thoughts of a connection with your R----l H-----s, for a thousand reasons, equally forcible,

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whether consider'd in a political or (you will pardon me, sir,) in a moral light. I therefore, most solemnly, bid your R--l H-----s farewell.

H---N.

SATURDAY Noon.

M A D A M,

L ----d I-----m may be d---d. I breakfasted with your brother the C. this morning, and he assures me that your heart is not made of adamant. By all that's sacred, you shall be mine, whatever be the consequence. I am just setting out for C-----d Lodge, from whence I shall return to-morrow morning, proposing to dine in Pall-Mall. Where, if I do not receive a line from your fair hands, I shall curse the hour of my nativity.

C-----D.

May

SUNDAY, 10 o'Clock.

May it please your R-----l H-----s,

I Cannot relinquish the determination which I had the honour to acquaint you with in my last letter. My duty to my King, as his subject, and to my father, as his daughter, forbids me to enter into any connection (how flattering soever it may be) with your R---l H-----s. I will confess (though the confession paints my cheek with scarlet) that I regret the disparity of our conditions: yet your R---l H-----s must not conclude, from this open avowal, that I will ever yield to your solicitations. On the contrary, it shall always be my pride, that I have sacrificed my inclinations to my duty. Therefore I again conjure your R---l H-----s to drop, from this hour, a pursuit, which can never be attended with success. I have the honour to be

*Your R-----l H-----s's**most devoted servant,*

H---N.

Dearest Creature,

IT is not in words to express the transport I felt on receipt of your letter of this morning---The confession you so tenderly, so elegantly make, has confirmed me in those sentiments which I had previously formed---in spite, madam, of every argument you can use; in spite of every connection, of every tie of duty or of gratitude, you must and shall be mine. You shall shine the first in the circle.---Let me be vain enough to say that the Dutchess of C-----d shall be second to no woman in England. I will call on you this evening at 8 o'clock, and no denial shall prevent my seeing you

C-----D.

MONDAY

C A R D.

MONDAY Noon.

M R S. H——n presents her most dutiful respects to his R——l H-----s the D--- of C----, and was in great hopes that her last letter wou'd have induced him to decline all farther proposals. But as she finds herself mistaken in that particular, she begs leave to acquaint his R---l H——s that she shall not think herself guilty of any breach of decorum in refusing to return an answer to any future letter of his R——l H-----s on the subject.

SUNDAY Afternoon.

Dear Madam,

F O R heaven's sake consider seriously of the offer which I make you. The brother of the greatest monarch in Europe solicits the favour of your hand at the altar : I beseech you let him not sue in vain. Let not any prudential (falsely so called) reasons induce my
heart's

heart's delight to withhold her consent to my happiness. But, as you have already acknowledged that I am not totally indifferent to you, go one step further, and shew to the world, that you are above those little punctillio's which bind the generality of your sex. The dread of incurring the displeasure of the K---, my brother, ought not to weigh any thing with you : as it is on me only that his displeasure can fall, on this occasion : but 'tis possible that your fears may be for me alone : if they are, assure yourself that they are superfluous : for could I once attain the summit of my desires, I shou'd brave the resentment even of Jove himself. believe me to be, more than ever, and unalterably,

Dearest Madam,

Your devoted Slave,

C-----D.

May

SUNDAY Night, 8 o'Clock.

May it please your Royal Highness,

I Am really at a loss to know what answer to make to your repeated professions of attachment---I have already acknowledged a prepossession in favour of your R---l H-----s; but the ties of nature and duty forbid my going farther than the making such an acknowledgement.--- It is really not in my power to comply with your request. Alas! I am an unhappy woman! urged on one side by your solicitations, and restrained on the other by the parental command, what can I do?--- if my own heart was entirely disengaged, it would be easy to determine.--But alas! pardon, sir, my blushes while I write; this is far from being the case. My heart sues on your part, yet still I will endeavour to conquer every sensation which may lead to a conduct inconsistent with my duty as a subject or a daughter. I own the idea
of

of being wife to the brother of the K---
of England, transports my fond imagination to regions of superior bliss---but I trust I shall hold the resolution of not being guilty of an action, which may be followed by a long train of unhappy consequences. Once more, therefore, I bid your R--- H-----s adieu, and am, with great respect, alas with *more* than respect, your most obedient, and permit me once for all to say,

*Your Obliged, Grateful,
and Affectionate*

H-----N.

MONDAY Morning, 2 o'Clock.

My dear Angel,

FOR five hours have I been reading your last charming letter---a thousand times have I kissed it, and a thousand tears have I shed on its dear contents ---I am now convinced that I shall not, and I am determined that I will not, sue
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in vain---in spite of every opposing power, my lovely H-----n shall be D---s of C-----d. I will now retire to bed--I shall not sleep; but I shall be amply recompenced for the want of it, by the transporting idea of possessing so much beauty as I am now convinced is destined to bless the longing arms of

Your faithful

C-----D.

C A R D.

MONDAY, 11 o'Clock.

THE D. of C. begs the favour of C. L. to call upon him at C-----d House some time this day; as he has some business of the utmost consequence to communicate to him.

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MONDAY

MONDAY Evening,

IT is impossible for me to express to your R---l H-----s the conflict which has arisen in my bosom, from a conversation which has just pass'd between my brother the C. and myself. The description which he gives me of your present situation affects me strongly, and the more especially as I know myself to be the cause of all your uneasiness. My brother has urged every argument in your favour; and indeed his reasoning was too forcible (to a heart already but too much prepossess'd) to be resisted: but remember, sir, that you desire only a conference, and assure yourself that I shall meet you with the same sentiments I have always hitherto express'd, I mean those of never ^{swearing} from my duty. I shall dine at my brother's the Colonel's, to-morrow at four o'Clock.

I am,

*Your R---l H-----s's**Most obedient humble Servant,*

H-----N.

TUESDAY

C A R D.

TUESDAY Morning.

TH E D. of C. has not words to express the transport which he derived from Mrs. H---'s card of last night. He would have instantly answered it, but was at Richmond till late in the evening. Alas! how little do Kings know how happy I am to be this day!

WEDNESDAY Noon.

Dearest Angel,

TH E condescension which you shew'd at our meeting yesterday, has laid the most lasting obligation on me. And it shall ever be my highest ambition to make myself deserving of your favour. Let me conjure you to permit me to shew my gratitude, in the only manner which I have in my power, I mean by advancing you to a rank in

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which your virtues as well as your beauties wou'd make you shine with distinguished lustre. Pardon my reiterated solicitations on this head, but believe me I will never drop them till I have obtained a favourable answer.

I am,

Dearest Angel,

Your ever faithful

C-----D.

THURSDAY Morning.

May it please your R----l H-----s,

HOW often must I put a force on my inclinations, (I blush not to own my prepossession for a deserving person) in rejecting your H-----s's suit? yet such is the cruelty of my fate, that I must by no means listen to the proposals, which your R---l H-----s still persists to make me, although I should derive the highest satisfaction from them; but

but for the consideration of your exalted station. Pardon me, sir, if I repeat, what I had the honour to mention to you yesterday; I mean that the consent of his M----, your brother, must be obtained before I can comply with your request. When this is once done, I shall not scruple to own in the face of day, my partiality for you.

I am,

Your R---l H-----s's

Most respectful Servant,

H-----N.

THURSDAY Evening.

Cruel Fairone !

W H E N E V E R I reflect on the ardency of my passion, and on your inhuman treatment of me, I am surprized to find myself endued with fortitude, sufficient to support me under this weight of affliction. But if you do
not

not soon relent, that fortitude must forsake me. You mention the necessity of obtaining my brother the K---'s consent to our union, before I am to expect your's. I thought I had demonstrated to you, in our conversation yesterday, the utter impossibility of bringing that point to bear. But why, thou sole joy of my life should that be a bar to our union? I set his resentment (when weigh'd against the possession of such an inestimable prize as your dear person) at naught. If I could but once bring you to entertain the same sentiments on this subject, my joy would be complete. Let me prevail on you to appoint a place, and an early hour for the discussion of this point with you in person.

I remain,

Your unfortunate

C-----D.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY, 11 o'Clock.

S I R,

*Y*OUR unfortunate Cumberland is a phrase as much beneath your R---l H-----s's dignity to write, as it is painful to me to read-- Alas! fir, I cannot bear to form the most distant idea that you should suffer one moment's uneasiness on my account---I will have the honour of meeting your R---l H-----s to-morrow at lady G---s in --- square, at ten in the morning. I know not, fir, what I mean by this meeting, farther than to convince you how ambitious I am of contributing to your repose. I am Sir, with more perturbation of heart than I can express,

Your Royal H-----s's

most devoted servant,

H-----N.

C A R D.

C A R D.

FRIDAY Evening.

THE D. of C. presents his best compliments, and ten thousand thanks to Mrs. H----n, for her obliging letter of this day--- He will not fail to meet her at the time and place appointed, nor will Mrs. H----n fail of seeing her sincerest friend, and warmest admirer.

[It appears that one letter from the D. to Mrs. H. is wanting in this place ; but the Editor has it not in his power to supply the deficiency.]

SUNDAY Morning.

S I R,

IT is in vain for me any longer to refuse my consent to those proposals which your R---l H-----s has deign'd to honour me with. If my heart was not already prepossess'd in your favour, yet the sincerity of your passion, which
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is apparent from the sacrifice which you proffer to make, wou'd be an inducement to me to yield to your R---l H-----s's solicitations. Having said thus much, I shall only add that I will be guided entirely by your R---l H-----s in those steps which shall be necessary to be taken for the perfecting the happiness of your R---l H-----s, and (I will add)

Your

H-----N.

SUNDAY Noon.

Joy of my life !

HOW shall I express to you the rapture which my bounding heart felt on the perusal of your last (and dearest) favour. Do I live to hear that all my sorrows shall find an end, and that my lovely charmer will yield herself to my longing arms ? I scarcely can believe my own eyes when I look upon those precious lines which contain the confirmation of my bliss. But why does my dearest life talk of any *sacrifice* which

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I can possibly make on this occasion? is it to make a sacrifice, to take to my bosom the sole object of my affections. Is it to make a sacrifice, to become the possessor (on any terms) of the brightest gem, which nature ever produced? wrong not your beauties so far, as to conceive it possible. Add to my happiness, I conjure you, by appointing a place, where I may hear from your own dear lips, those enchanting words, "I will be your's."

I am, more than ever, if possible,

Your devoted

C-----D.

SUNDAY Night.

S I R,

WHEN the contents of my last letter are considered, I hope I shall not be thought blameable for saying that I am always at home to the D--- of C-----d. I am

Your Royal Highness's

Most obliged and affectionate

H-----N.

TUESDAY Morning.

Dear Charmer,

I Have seen the C-----l your brother, and Mr. F-----e, and they will be ready to attend us on our propos'd excursion.

fion. I hope his lordship will make us welcome to — Castle. If his lady be from home, I am sure he will. There is fine fishing in his lordship's gardens, and I wish that you, madam, may be as successful in your endeavours to ensnare the finny tribe, as you have already been in captivating my heart. We shall set out at five in the morning, my fellow shall call you at four. I am,

Dear Madam,

Your enraptur'd

C——— D.

SUNDAY Noon.

Dear, dear sir!

I Am surprized, I am shocked! I am half dead with apprehension! I have this moment received a message to attend immediately at Richmond. For heaven's sake, sir, give me immediate advice — come to me, if possible.

H——N.

SUNDAY 2 o'Clock.

My dear creature,

I Have this moment received your short epistle, and would have immediately answered it in person, but that I am obliged, (alas! much against my will) to give a foolish audience to a foolish envoy,

envoy, from a foreign power; d — n this nonsense and farce of state. 'Tis the curse of greatness to be obliged to contribute to the imaginary happiness of others, while we are giving up our own repose. But, for the tax which my situation imposes on me, I would see all the representatives, of all the sovereigns of the universe, at the devil, e'er I would be absent one moment, from your enchanting company. As it is, madam, I beseech you, to pay no more regard to the message from Richmond, than if no such message had ever been sent. Be assured that I will see you in the evening, when I hope to convince you, that this advice is founded in reason and prudence. I have the honour to be, with undiminished affection,

Your's eternally

C———D.

C A R D.

MONDAY 10 o'Clock.

THE D--- of C——d hopes that the agreeable conversation of last night will be continued on the evening of this day—he has provided a little concert, and a cold collation (with select friends only) and shall expect to see his charmer in Pall Mall, at 8 in the evening.

C A R D.

C A R D.

TUESDAY Noon.

TH E daughter of L—d I——m, fir, has a proud spirit; in point of elegance and hospitality, she will not be exceeded by a prince. The prince of her affections; whom she hopes for the honour of seeing this evening, at 9 o'clock. No person will be present, except Lady S—— and her brother. And she hopes for a most agreeable *partie quarrée*.

To her R—l H——s the D——s of C—d.

WEDNESDAY Evening.

PARDON me, madam, for the liberty I have taken in the superscription of this letter—I cannot enjoy a moment's repose till your title is realized—I beseech you to name the happy day, for not one day of happiness shall I enjoy, till you are mine in every sense of the word—Miss O— will call on you an hour after receipt of this letter, and will shew you ^{so} some elegant patterns of lace—your answer will be safe in her hands, and safely conveyed to those of

Your own

C———D.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY Morning.

To his R—l H——s the D. of C———d.

S I R,

MISS O—— came to me yesterday evening with several patterns, and, as it was your H——s's request, I have fix'd upon some of them: I am so sensible of my obligations to you, that I can no longer withhold my assent, to (what you are pleas'd to call) the completion of your happiness. Therefore it remains with your R——l H——s to fix the day, which, I trust, will afford lasting satisfaction to the D--- of C--- and his truly affectionate,

H----N.

THURSDAY Noon.

FIX the day, madam! this day! any day, every day! I have already given the necessary orders, and on Saturday, shall expect the honour of your hand at the altar. Excuse this seeming impetuosity, and believe, that it arises from the warmest zeal to attach myself for ever to your interest.

I am,

Madam,

Your own

C-----D.

F I N I S.

